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SUBJECT: MOBUTU ANNOUNCES MOVES AFFECTING ZAIRE'S
PORTUGUESE RESIDENTS

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1. SUMMARY: IN COURSE OF MOBUTU'S ANNUAL POLICY SPEECH
TO NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 30, HE
CALLED ON ZAIRIANS TO HATE THOSE PORTUGUESE WHO ENSLAVE
ANGOLANS. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PORTUGUESE RESIDENTS
MUST EVACUATE REGIONS OF ZAIRE BORDERING ON ANGOLA AND
TURN THEIR PROPERTY OVER TO ZAIRIANS. END SUMMARY.

2. CITING ZAIRE'S DUTY TO COMBAT COLONIALISM AS SET
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FORTH IN HIS UNGA SPEECH OF OCTOBER 4, MOBUTU ASKED

ALL ZAIRIANS TO NOURISH HATRED OF PORTUGUESE WHO ARE ENSLAVING THEIR BROTHERS IN ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND CAPE VERDE ISLANDS. (HE ALSO CALLED FOR HATRED OF BRITISH IN RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICANS.) HE CALLED FOR MASS MEETING THROUGHOUT ZAIRE TO SENSITIZE PEOPLE CONCERNING HEROIC STRUGGLE OF BROTHERS IN ANGOLA AND ELSEWHERE. BUT HE CAUTIONED ZAIRIANS NOT TO MISINTERPRET HIS INSTRUCTIONS. "I DO NOT SAY TO HATE THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE, FOR THEY, LIKE THE ANGOLANS, SUFFER FROM EXPLOITATION BY CAETANO AND HIS ILK. PORTUGUESE SUBJECTS WHO HAVE CHOSEN ZAIRE AS THEIR SECOND HOMELAND ARE TO BE CONSIDERED TRUE FRIENDS".

3. CITING ECONOMIC SABOTAGE BY FOREIGNERS IN FRONTIER AREAS, MOBUTU ANNOUNCED DECISION TO EXPEL PORTUGUESE RESIDING IN REGIONS OF BAS ZAIRE, BANDUNDU, WESTER KASAI, AND SHABA. (HE ALSO SAID PAKISTANIS WOULD BE EXPELLED FROM CERTAIN REGIONS.) "UNDER SUPERVISION AND ARBITRATION OF THE STATE, THEY MUST AT ONCE CEDE THEIR ENTERPRISES TO ZAIRIANS IN THESE REGIONS". OWNERS WILL RECEIVE INDEMNITY OVER TEN YEAR PERIOD AND ARE FREE TO MOVE TO OTHER PARTS OF ZAIRE. OTHER MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY MOBUTU INCLUDED NATIONWIDE TAKE-OVER OF BULK OF FOREIGN OWNED CONCESSIONS, FARMS, PLANTATIONS, RANCHES, ETC., PRE-DATING 1969 INVESTMENT CODE AND TIGHTENING OF RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGNERS IN ZAIRE. MAJOR US INVESTMENTS NOT AFFECTED.

4. COMMENT: FIRST REPORTS INDICATE REGIONAL AUTHORITIES MOVED QUICKLY TO IMPLEMENT THESE DECISIONS WITHOUT AWAITING FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM KINSHASA, CAUSING CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION. CLARIFYING INSTRUCTIONS MAY EMERGE FROM SPECIAL MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WHICH MOBUTU HAS CALLED FOR DECEMBER 3. MEASURE MAY REQUIRE SOME TIME TO IMPLEMENT. VANCE

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